

means, Mr. Schmidt fought to maintain the Army's ability to look after its troops by providing state of the art equipment and technology.

Mr. Schmidt continued to fight to maintain the Army's research funding levels for another decade, as both a Deputy Director and Director specializing in science and technology at the Department of the Army. He maintained the Army's budget of \$13 billion, which allocated funds to over twenty projects with a total workforce in excess of 14,000 engineering and research staff.

His civilian assignment spanned three decades in the Department of the Army. Mr. Schmidt will best be remembered for his dedication to preserving and increasing funding for suicide prevention, and developing new weapons technologies to aid in keeping our troops safer and better equipped while serving their country.

Mr. Speaker, Dennis Schmidt embodies what it means to be an American patriot. He is an impressive example of going beyond his duty, and he should be honored for it. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Schmidt for his many years of service, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF
MOORESVILLE, INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute the Town of Mooresville, Indiana, as the official Home of the Indiana State Flag.

It was one hundred years ago, in celebration of Indiana's Centennial, that Mooresville resident and prominent water color artist Paul Hadley designed the current Indiana flag. It is easy to see why Hadley's design for the banner was selected out of the two hundred that were entered in the Daughters of the American Revolution contest in 1816.

The stately gold torch signifying liberty and enlightenment, surrounded by nineteen gold stars representing each of the states in the union upon Indiana's induction, is stunning on the beautiful field of deep blue.

One year later the Indiana State Legislature adopted Paul Hadley's design as the official state banner. It has remained unchanged since that day.

Mooresville is located in Morgan County in central Indiana.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize the town of Mooresville for Paul Hadley's important contribution to Indiana's history.

COMMENDING STUDENTS FOR NATIONAL JROTC CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, it fills me with great pride to congratulate Yoli D. Ortega

Hernandez, Anne J. Bana, Andrea Cardoza, Luis E. Maya, Marisol Ahumada, and Tamara M. Herrador from James Monroe High School in my district. I want to congratulate them for participating in the National Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB).

The James Monroe High School team participated at the championship competition here in Washington, D.C., last month. During the two fast-paced preliminary rounds, the Vikings Cadets were tested on their knowledge of current events, leadership values, and leadership skills. More than 1,370 Army JROTC teams competed from around the world, with James Monroe's cadets earning top scores. James Monroe's JROTC team is one of only forty Leadership Bowl teams in the nation to advance to the National Leadership and Academic Bowl.

It is thrilling to see the promising young men and women from our very own San Fernando Valley schools come to the table with such great talent. You should all be proud of yourselves for making it this far; it is a huge accomplishment. Congratulations, Vikings!

RECOGNIZING RIDE4GABE FOR BRINGING NEEDED AWARENESS TO DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Representatives ADERHOLT (AL), BLACK (TN), BLACKBURN (TN), BROOKS (AL), CHABOT (OH), COLLINS (NY), FUDGE (OH), GIBBS (OH), GUINTA (NH), HANNA (NY), HIGGINS (NY), JOYCE (OH), KELLY (PA), PALMER (AL), PINGREE (ME), POLIQUIN (ME), REED (NY), RENACCI (OH), ROBY (AL), ROE (TN), ROGERS (AL), SEWELL (AL), STEFANIK (NY), TIBERI (OH), TURNER (OH), WENSTRUP (OH), and YARMUTH (KY), I want to recognize three men who will attempt to pedal their bicycles from Houlton, Maine to Mobile, Alabama between July 29 and August 8, 2016. Ride4Gabe, as it is called, will take the cyclists on a route that is approximately the same distance as the Tour de France in only eleven days. As they pedal 200 miles per day the men will endure substantial physical and mental hardship. The cycling effort alone is worthy of recognition, but these cyclists insist it is their cause that should be known by the American people. Ride4Gabe is really about ending Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

According to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, Duchenne is the most common fatal genetic disorder diagnosed in childhood, affecting approximately 1 in every 3,500 live male births (about 20,000 new cases each year worldwide). Because the Duchenne gene is found on the X-chromosome, it primarily affects boys; however, it occurs across all races and cultures.

Duchenne results in progressive loss of strength and is caused by a mutation in the gene that encodes for dystrophin. Because dystrophin is absent, the muscle cells are easily damaged. The progressive muscle weakness leads to serious medical problems, particularly issues relating to the heart and lungs.

Young men with Duchenne typically live into their late twenties.

Michael Staley, 35, of Birmingham, Alabama, and Wes Bates, 21, of Aurora, Colorado, began Ride4Gabe in 2014 when they rode across Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama. Payne Griffin, 23, of Washington, D.C. will join Michael and Wes this year. The trio will be supported by a crew of volunteers as they pedal across Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama.

The Ride4Gabe team will meet with Duchenne patients, rare disease-impacted families, elected officials, and other community leaders throughout their journey. They will educate people about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. They will highlight the challenges associated with Duchenne through the lens of Gabe Griffin and Duchenne patients all along their route. They will discuss how medical research has the Duchenne community on the verge of solving this problem that nobody has survived to date. They will raise awareness about rare disease drug approval policy and how it relates to Duchenne.

On behalf of my colleagues representing the congressional districts along the Ride4Gabe 2016 route, I am pleased to submit this statement to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The awareness raised through Ride4Gabe will lead to greater public awareness about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. It is our hope that Gabe Griffin and every other patient who suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy will soon have access to a treatment, and ultimately a cure.

THE SMALL BUSINESS START-UP SAVINGS ACCOUNTS ACT OF 2016

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today, I re-introduced H.R. 5783, the Small Business Start-up Savings Accounts Act of 2016. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and are an essential component of our continued economic recovery. These businesses generate half of our nation's gross domestic product and employ at least half of its workforce. The creation of small businesses allows Americans to produce things right here in America, as well as continue to out innovate and out-build the rest of the world.

Unfortunately, the average entrepreneur spends roughly \$80,000 in first year start-up costs, and these recovering economic times have made it even more difficult for prospective business owners to access vital start-up capital.

As our economy continues to strengthen, it is important that Congress provides incentives and opportunities for entrepreneurs to launch new businesses and provide much needed jobs to our economy. For these reasons, I am re-introducing The Small Business Start-up Savings Accounts Act to assist individuals in starting their own businesses.

This bill expands much needed lending to millions of small businesses and offers tax incentives to help small businesses grow, hire,